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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 4 August 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Sheldon and Earman

Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a proposed reply to Senator Wiley's letter of 3 July 1953, which had requested the comments of this Agency on a Joint Resolution to strengthen the foreign relations of the U.S. by establishing a commission on governmental use of international telecommunications. After some discussion it was agreed that since the resolution had been passed, the reply would not be sent. The Director asked Mr. Earman to ensure that Congressional letters are handled expeditiously. (NOTE: This has been done.)

b. Noted the second and third items in the Log for 3 - 4 August a(b)(1) stated Under Secretary of State Smith had requested: (1) we discontinue(b)(3) any action along the activist line in connection with [redacted] [redacted] pending further instructions from the Department of State; (2) we keep track of this ship from the intelligence viewpoint. Mr. Helms noted the Navy had already be(b)(1)erted to this effect.
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c. Stated he had received a call from General Smith concerning t(b)(3) possible employment by CIA of [redacted] former Ambassador [redacted] and noted that while he (DCI) did not know [redacted] personally, General (b)(1) (b)(1) Smith was impressed with his ability. The Director also noted he under- (b)(3) (b)(3) stood [redacted] had recently been debriefed by CIA and asked Mr. Sheldon to: (1) check on this; (2) obtain background information on him; (3) discuss (b)(1) with DD/P where [redacted] might be used to the best advantage -- provided (b)(3) there is a vacancy commensurate with his qualifications. The Director also said that General Smith had indicated if w(b)(1) not use [redacted] there(b)(1) was a possibility he might be used by State. (b)(3) (b)(3)

d. Noted a cable to the Senior Representative, [redacted] (OUT 78707) (b)(1) concerning Congressman Ford's visit to the Far East, and stated in view (b)(3) of [redacted] situation he should be allowed more latitude in any conversation held with Ford. Mr. Wisner suggested that [redacted] (b)(1) also be informed of this and the Director approved. Mr. Helms undertook (b)(3) to dispatch the necessary cables.

e. Noted he had glanced through Donald Downes' book THE SCARLET THREAD, and had offered to Mr. Papich to make this book available to the Director of the FBI. In this connection, the Director asked Mr. Helms to obtain additional copies of the publication from [redacted] and (b)(3) to advise him that in the future where CIA, its employees or former employees, are mentioned in any publications such publications be brought to the attention of Headquarters immediately.

Mr. Wisner:

Noted a briefing had been scheduled tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in the Director's Conference Room for Messrs. Rand, Ohley and Admiral Delaney,


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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

and suggested that the Director might wish to drop in for a "few minutes". The Director indicated he would do this if at all possible. Mr. Wisner also undertook to discuss this briefing with Mr. Sheldon in the event he might wish to have representatives present.

Colonel White:

[redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) The Director noted his agreement and asked that any further action on this be held in abeyance until such time as Colonel White and Mr. Sheldon had opportunity to look into this [redacted] and discuss it with him. (b)(1) (b)(3)

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Noted he had been advised by Sam Papich that the FBI had some time ago received a letter from Lieut. General Pedro Del Valle containing information pertaining to RFE, and that the Bureau had advised Del Valle it was referring his letter to "another Government Agency". The Director stated he did not recall seeing this letter and Mr. Kirkpatrick said he believed it was now a part of the Del Valle file in Colonel Edwards' office; however, he would undertake to make the letter available to DD/P.

b. Raised the question of a briefing for Senator Knowland prior to his departure on a trip to the Far East. The Director indicated we should arrange for such a briefing and Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to follow through on this.

Mr. Helms:

Reported that Mr. [redacted] a CIA employee who has just returned (b)(3) from Germany and who is a personal friend of the Vice President's, had called on Mr. Nixon and during the conversation the subject of conditions in Germany was discussed. Mr. Helms said the Vice President had asked (b)(3) that [redacted] continue this discussion at a later date, and it was proposed that [redacted] and [redacted] participate. The Director approved.

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